

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1 and 12 stand objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1-4, 7-15 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Omori (U.S. Patent No. 6,658,194) (hereinafter "Omori").

Claims 5, 6, 10, 16, 17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omori in view of Best (U.S. Patent No. 4,569,026) (hereinafter "Best").

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled claims 1-22 and have added new claims 23-38. It is believed that the references of record, viewed individually or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least the features recited in new independent claims 23 and 31.

Claim Objection

Claims 1 and 12 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 12, and therefore, it is believed that this objection is now moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 7-15 and 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Omori. Claims 5, 6, 10, 16, 17 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Omori in view of Best.

As indicated above, claims 1-22 have been canceled, and new claims 23-38 are being added. Applicants submit that the features of the "plurality of performing devices" recited in

independent claims 23 and 31 are supported by at least Figure 1 and paragraph 0037 of the published present US application, and that the features of the “storing device” recited in independent claims 23 and 31 are supported by at least Figure 3 and paragraphs 0054 and 0069-0077 of the published present US application. Also, the features of the “scenario selection and performing device” recited in independent claims 23 and 31 are supported by at least Figure 3 and paragraphs 0069-0077 and 0098 of the published present US application. In addition, the features of the “input unit” as recited in independent claims 23 and 31 are supported by at least paragraphs 0077, 0081 and 0082 of the published present US application. The further features of the “input unit” recited in dependent claims 25, 26, 33 and 34 are supported by at least paragraphs 0081 and 0082 of the present published US application.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-22 and the addition of claims 23-38. Applicants further respectfully submit that as discussed in the Remarks of the previous Amendment, the Omori reference relates to an editing device and method in which contents are automatically edited when an output rate is limited in transmitting audio and video data. Omori, however, fails to teach or suggest at least the features of the “accumulating device,” “plurality of performing devices,” “storing device,” “scenario selection and performing device” and “input unit” as recited in combination in independent claims 23 and 31. Also, Best fails to make up for these deficiencies of Omori.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this

response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

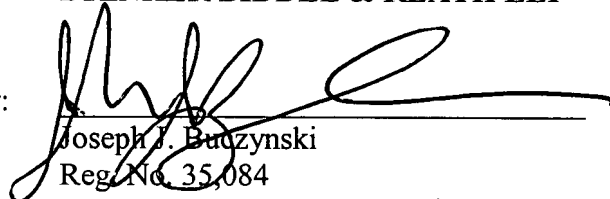
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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